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Foreword

Section 506 of the Administrative Code (Act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, as amended), 71 P. S. 186, provides that "The heads of all administrative departments, the several independent administrative boards and commissions, the several departmental administrative boards and commissions, are hereby empowered to prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, for the government of their respective departments, boards, or commissions, the conduct of their employes and clerks, the distribution and performance of their business, and the custody, use, and preservation of the records, books, documents, and property pertaining thereto."

Section 3 of the Act of June 3, 1911, P. L. 639, as amended 71 P. S. 1083, provides that the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure—

"* * shall have authority to make rules and regulations for the transaction of its business, and for registration of all physicians of this Commonwealth, and for conducting examinations of applicants,—said rules to be printed and published in pamphlet form for public distribution.* * *"

In accordance with the authority granted, the Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure have adopted rules and regulations for the administration of the Medical Practice Act. This bulletin, which includes references to the law as well as the rules and regulations governing medical education and licensure, has been developed for the guidance of those interested in licensure to practice medicine and surgery in Pennsylvania and those interested in postgraduate medical study in the State.

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ADMISSION TO MEDICAL PRACTICE

Admission to medical practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is granted by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure as follows:

- 1. By the issuance of a license to a candidate who meets all legal requirements and passes the licensing examinations.
- 2. By the issuance of a license upon the basis of examinations by any medical board considered competent by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, provided the candidate complies in all respects with the requirements of Pennsylvania laws and regulations by submitting acceptable credentials.

I. LICENSE BY EXAMINATION

The Medical Practice Act of Pennsylvania (Act of June 3, 1911, P. L. 639, as amended) requires prior to an examination the following qualifications of applicants for licensure and satisfactory proof thereof:

1. Age—Applicants must be twenty-one years of age.

- 2. Character—Applicants must be of good moral character and not addicted to the intemperate use of alcohol or narcotic drugs.
- 3. Citizenship—Applicants must be citizens of the United States or present a Certificate of United States Citizenship or a Declaration of Intention.
- 4. Preliminary Education—Applicants must have a general education of not less than a standard four-year high school course, or its equivalent, and not less than two years or sixty semester hours of college credits, including one year in biology, one year in physics, one and one-half years in chemistry, including one-half year in organic chemistry, and six semester hours in English composition and literature, all of which shall have been acquired prior to entering a medical school.
- 5. Professional Education—Applicants who have met the preliminary education requirements must have attended four graded courses of not less than thirty-two weeks of not less than thirty-five hours each, of actual work in didactic, laboratory, and clinical study in some reputable and legally incorporated medical school or college, or colleges recognized as such by the Board of Medical Education and Licensure of the State of Pennsylvania, the dean or proper officer of which college having certified that

the applicant has satisfactorily passed each of the said respective courses, and shall have completed not less than one year as intern in an approved hospital which shall have at least twenty-five beds to each intern devoted to the treatment of medical, surgical, gynecological, and special diseases; shall maintain or establish cooperation with a maternity department or hospital, in which each intern shall have not less than six weeks service, or the equivalent thereof; shall maintain a thoroughly equipped, modern pathological and clinical laboratory, proportionate to the necessities of the hospital; and the records on file of the cases treated in said hospitals shall give evidence of the laboratory work so done by the intern; shall maintain a department of anesthesia consisting of one or more anesthetists who shall have supervision over all the anesthesia given in the institution, and whose duty it will be to instruct all interns in the administration of anesthesia.

6. Examinations—The State Board of Medical Education and Licensure shall hold at least two examinations each year. The examinations conducted by the said Board shall be written in the English language, but may, in its discretion, be by oral or practical laboratory or bedside examinations, or both. For the purpose of conducting such examinations, the board shall have the privilege of calling to its aid medical

assistants. The examinations shall be held at such times and places as shall be designated by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure in their discretion. Such examinations shall include anatomy, physiology, chemistry as applied to medicine, hygiene and preventive medicine, pathology as applied to medicine, bacteriology, symptomatology, diagnosis, surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, medical jurisprudence and toxicology, practice and materia medica and therapeutics; the examination in practice and materia medica, and therapeutics to be conducted by the members of the Board of the same school of medicine as the respective applicant.

In case of failure at any examination, the applicant shall have, after the expiration of six months and within two years, the privileges of a second examination by the Board, without the payment of an additional fee, excepting in the case of a bedside, oral, or laboratory examination, when the examination shall be confined to one trial only. In case of failure in a second examination, the applicant must enter de novo and only after a year of postgraduate study approved by the Board, and qualify under the conditions obtaining at the time of this application.

Rules and Regulations

1. Preliminary Education—Graduates of secondary schools must have presented

itemized statements of the work done, not diplomas. Photostats, unless certified by proper authorities, will not be accepted. These statements in all cases should be presented upon blanks furnished by the Department of Public Instruction. The blanks must be completely and accurately filled out by the schools where the applicant has attended. The principal of the school must sign the certificate and affix the school seal to it, or have the seal of a notary public affixed to it, and mail the certificate to the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Certificates from colleges must be prepared with the same care and must bear the autographic signature of a competent college official. The amount and character of the work required of a student in order that he may receive the required college credits in physics, chemistry, and biology for each of these sciences is as follows:

"Three sixty (60) minute periods of recitation and lectures a week, and one (1) double period of laboratory work a week; or two (2) recitations and lectures and two (2) double laboratory periods a week; the year to be not less than thirty-two (32) weeks of actual work."

Preliminary Education Certificate—In each case in which the credentials meet the requirements, the applicant by paying a fee of two (\$2.00) dollars may secure from the Department of Public Instruction a Certificate of Preliminary Education. Such Certificate shall be obtained prior to matriculation in an approved school of medicine in this Commonwealth and must be obtained prior to admission to the licensing examination or for licensure by endorsement.

2. Professional Education—The professional requirement consists of attendance at and the satisfactory completion of four (4) graded courses of not less than thirty-two (32) weeks of not less than thirty-five (35) hours each, in some reputable and legally incorporated medical school or college recognized as such by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure of Pennsylvania and one year or fifty-two (52) weeks of rotational internship in a hospital approved by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure of Pennsylvania.

Internship requirements call for a rotational type of internship training. The services in medicine and surgery should be broken down to show the time devoted to general medicine and each of its specialties as well as general surgery and each of its specialties. The outline of services follows:

1.	Medicine 18 weeks	
	Pediatrics (4 weeks)	
	Neurology	
	Psychiatry	
	Tuberculosis	
2.	Surgery 16 weeks	
	Orthopedies	
	$\operatorname{Urology}$	
	Eye, Ear, Nose	
	and Throat	
3.	Obstetrics and Gyne-	
	cology 8 weeks	
4.	Laboratory 4 weeks	
5.	Roentgenology 2 weeks	
6.	Anesthesia 2 weeks	
7.	Additional Hospital	
	Assignments 2 weeks	

- 3. Examinations—A candidate for admission to the medical licensing examinations must meet the qualifications herein required and must pay a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars in the form of a certified check or money order drawn to the order of "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—ME," and made payable at Harrisburg, Pa.
- (a) Application and Identification for Examination—Blanks upon which to make application for admission to the State Board Medical examinations may be obtained from the office of the State Board

of Medical Education and Licensure, Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Applications in completed form, accompanied by the required fee, must be filed with the office of the Board in the Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at least ten (10) days before the date of the January examinations and between June first and June tenth for the July examinations.

As a means of identification, two unmounted, finished (not proofs) 3 x 4½ photographs (facial features large and distinct) of each applicant must be submitted with the application. One photograph shall be certified by the Dean of the Medical School attended, on a form supplied for this purpose. One photograph will be numbered with the candidate's examination number and will be returned to the candidate with a card of admission to the examinations. Each candidate must bring the photograph so numbered and the admission card to the examinations on the first day and the photograph shall be displayed during the examinations upon the top of the desk or table where the candidate takes the examination. Should a candidate lose his photograph and admission card, a duplicate photograph must be forwarded immediately to the office of the Board in Harrisburg, the proper form will be affixed and a duplicate admission card and photograph will be returned to the candidate for use at the examinations.

A candidate must acquire a general average of not less than seventy-five (75) per cent. Failure to obtain a grade of fifty-five (55) per cent in any one session will cause his or her rejection.

Candidates will be notified of the results of the examination by the Department of Public Instruction.

Additional detailed information on conduct of examinations will be sent to candidates accepted for examination.

- (b) Time of Examinations—Examinations are conducted during the month of January in Philadelphia OR Harrisburg and during the month of July in Philadelphia AND Pittsburgh.
- (c) Order of Examinations—The examinations conducted by the Board are as follows:

First Day at 9:00 A. M.—Registration—presentation of Cards of Admission and of Photographs.

First Day from 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. —Physiology, Pathology, Bacteriology, and Physiological Chemistry.

Second Day from 9:00 A. M. to 12 Noon—Diagnosis, Symptomatology, Toxicology, and Medical Jurisprudence.

Second Day from 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.—Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Third Day from 9:00 A. M. to 12 Noon—Anatomy and Surgery.

Third Day from 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.—Practice, Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Hygiene and Preventive Medicine.

(d) Special Examination—A practical examination at the bedside may be held at the discretion of the Board for applicants who have been in active practice seven (7) or more years and who graduated from now extinct medical schools in the United States which were approved at the time of applicant's graduation by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure of Pennsylvania.

H. FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES

Section 5 of the Medical Practice Act (Act of June 3, 1911, P. L. 639, as amended) 63 P. S. 406, provides that applicants from countries foreign to the territory of the United States, who desire to be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this State must furnish similar proof as to age, character, citizenship, and the satisfactory completion of preliminary and professional education equivalent to that required of graduates of approved medical schools of the United States.

Rules and Regulations

Physicians who graduated from European Medical Schools in 1941 or prior thereto, or from the schools approved by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure since 1941, may qualify for admission to hospitals in the State for internship and eventually for licensure to practice medicine in Pennsylvania by submitting credentials as follows:

- 1. Preliminary Education—As indicated in Section I, paragraph 4 of this Bulletin.
- 2. Professional Education—An outline issued by the Dean or other official of each school attended, giving the subjects studied each year, must be submitted. This must indicate in semester hours the time devoted to lectures and to laboratory or clinical work. It must be in the original language of the school, accompanied by a certified translation made in the United States by an authorized translator or organization. Diplomas or Student Books or photostat copies thereof will not be accepted.
- 3. A certification on a blank furnished by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure of attendance upon the courses and of graduation, with appropriate dates, must be submitted by the school of graduation.
- 4. A recent unmounted photograph, with a label furnished by the Board at-

tached thereto, on which the Dean of the school of graduation has certified to the identification of both the student's likeness and his signature.

- 5. A certification from the Ministry of Education that the course in medicine studied by the applicant entitles him, scholastically, to licensure for the practice of medicine in the country in which the school is located.
- 6. Each credential or certification must bear the signature of the proper official with the seal of the Institution impressed thereon, must be visaed by the American Consul in the district in which it is secured and must have attached to it a certified translation made in the United States by an authorized translator or organization.
- 7. Internship—Evidence of one year of rotational internship training in the United States and preferably in an approved hospital in Pennsylvania is required of all foreign graduates. The credentials outlined must be approved by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure and a letter stating this fact secured before the candidate may be admitted to internship in a hospital approved by the Board.
- 8. Examination—Graduates from forcign medical schools are required to pass the written and the bedside examinations for licensure.

III. ENDORSEMENT OF LICENSES

Section 6 of the Medical Practice Act of Pennsylvania (Act of June 3, 1911, P. L. 639, as amended) provides that applicants for a licensing certificate, who have been successfully examined by any medical board considered competent by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure and who can in addition present to the Board satisfactory certificates of having in every way fulfilled all the scholastic and other requirements of the act may without further examination receive from the Board in its discretion a certificate conferring all the rights accorded by the act, provided the applicant has paid a fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars and further provided that such applicant has not previously failed at an examination of this Commonwealth.

Rules and Regulations

1. Application blanks for licensure by endorsement may be obtained by writing to the office of the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The required fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars must be paid in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the order of the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—ME," at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

- 2. Candidates for licensure by endorsement must be graduates from medical schools approved by the Board. (See list of approved medical schools.)
- 3. Candidates must have completed the prescribed rotary type of internship training in an approved hospital.
- 4. Candidates may be required to submit evidence of personal and professional standing from the Medical Society of the county or state in which they have been practicing or from any other source.
- 5. Candidates are required to appear in person before a member or members of the Board to present their completed credentials, after which the completed credentials, together with the required fee should be forwarded to the office of the Board in the Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- 6. Candidates who pass the examinations and obtain a license in another state before the completion of internship will not be eligible for licensure by endorsement until two years following the date of graduation from medical school.
- 7. The Board may, in its discretion and by a unanimous vote of all members, accept certified credentials of postgraduate work in lieu of deficiencies in a rotational internship, providing the candidate was gradu-

ated from medical school seven (7) or more years prior to making application for licensure by endorsement.

8. Successful candidates before the National Board of Medical Examiners may have their certificates endorsed without further examination on the same requirements as licensees from other states and territories of the United States.

IV. ADMISSION OF GRADUATES OF AP-PROVED MEDICAL COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TO APPROVED HOSPITALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYL-VANIA FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Section 7 of the Medical Practice Act of Pennsylvania (Act of June 3, 1911, P. L. 639, as amended) provides that physicians who are legally authorized to practice medicine and surgery in other states and territories of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, or physicians from such jurisdictions who have passed the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners and who are in training for certification in special departments of medicine and surgery in institutions in this Commonwealth recognized either by the board or the various examining boards in medical specialties approved by the Coun-

cil on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association as proper for such training, shall receive a special certificate that is limited to said training and for the period of time required for this training after the payment of a nominal fee established by the Department of Public Instruction, and shall thereupon report annually to the board until the course is completed.

If such a physician desires to remain in Pennsylvania and practice medicine and surgery after completion of the course, a certificate to practice medicine and surgery under this act shall be issued, provided the applicant shall have met all the requirements of the act and shall have paid a fee established by the Department of Public Instruction for such license.

Rules and Regulations

- 1. Application blanks for postgraduate certificates must be obtained from the office of the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- 2. The application in completed form, signed by the Chief of the Department of the Hospital (sponsor) to which the applicant desires to be allocated for training must be presented to an appointed member of the State Board of Medical Education

and Licensure with whom the applicant must have a personal interview.

- 3. A fee of five (\$5.00) dollars is charged for the initial registration. Check or money order should be drawn to the order of "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—ME," and made payable at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Subsequent annual registration is one (\$1.00) dollar, payable in advance of entrance to each calendar year of work.
- 4. No applicant for postgraduate certification shall be permitted to enter a hospital for special training until his application has been approved and a certificate of registration has been issued.
- 5. No applicant shall be permitted to assume training in any other department of the hospital, other than the one to which he has been allocated on his application for postgraduate certification.
- 6. No applicant shall be permitted to be allocated to the private office of a sponsor for special graduate training.
- 7. The Board does not recognize the system of "preceptorship" developed in some hospitals.
- 8. The Postgraduate Certificate which the various Specialty Boards of the American Medical Association recognize for resident graduate training leading to credits

for Specialty Board Membership, does not authorize the holder thereof to serve as a resident physician in general practice in a hospital and engage in practice other than in his special field of training.

9. Graduates from foreign medical schools who wish to enter Pennsylvania Hospitals for postgraduate training should communicate with the office of the Board in the Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for information in this connection.

Medical Schools Whose Graduates Are Now Acceptable for Admission to Examination or for Licensure by Endorsement

Note: Information relative to subsequent changes in the status of Medical Schools will be furnished upon request by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, Department of Public Instruction, Box 911, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

California

Los Angeles

College of Medical Evangelists

University of Southern California School of Medicine

San Francisco

Stanford University School of Medicine University of California Medical School

Colorado

Denver

University of Colorado School of Medicine

Connecticut

New Haven

Yale University School of Medicine

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

Georgetown University School of Medicine George Washington University School of Medicine

Howard University College of Medicine

Georgia

Atlanta

Emory University School of Medicine

Augusta

University of Georgia School of Medicine

Illinois

Chicago

Chicago Medical School (Approved Novem-

ber 1948)

Northwestern University Medical School Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University

University of Chicago, The School of Medi-

University of Illinois College of Medicine

Indiana

Indianapolis

Indiana University School of Medicine

Iowa

Iowa City

State University of Iowa College of Medicine

Kansas

Kansas City

University of Kansas School of Medicine

KENTUCKY

Louisville

University of Louisville School of Medicine

Louisiana

New Orleans

Tulane University of Louisiana School of Medicine

MARYLAND

Baltimore

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine University of Maryland School of Medicine and College of Physicians and Surgeons

Massachusetts

Boston

Boston University School of Medicine Harvard Medical School Tufts College Medical School

Michigan

Ann Arbor

University of Michigan Medical School Detroit Wayne University College of Medicine

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

University of Minnesota Medical School

Mississippi

University P. O.

University of Mississippi School of Medicine (two years)

Missouri

Columbia

University of Missouri School of Medicine (two years)

St. Louis

St. Louis University School of Medicine Washington University School of Medicine

Nebraska

Omaha

Creighton University School of Medicine University of Nebraska College of Medicine

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hanover

Dartmouth Medical School (two years)

New York

Albany

Albany Medical College

Brooklyn

State University of New York, State University Medical Center

Buffalo

University of Buffalo School of Medicine

New York City

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

Cornell University Medical College

New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals

New York University College of Medicine

Rochester

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Syracuse

Syracuse University College of Medicine

NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina School of Medicine (two years)

Durham

Duke University School of Medicine

Winston-Salem

Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College

NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks

University of North Dakota School of Medicine (two years)

Оню

Cincinnati

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Cleveland

Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Columbus

Ohio State University College of Medicine

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

University of Oklahoma School of Medicine

OREGON

Portland

University of Oregon Medical School

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of

Philadelphia

Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia Temple University School of Medicine

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston

Medical College of the State of South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

Vermillion

University of South Dakota School of Medical Sciences (two years)

TENNESSEE

Memphis

University of Tennessee College of Medicine

Nashville

Meharry Medical College

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

TEXAS

Dallas

Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas

Galveston

University of Texas School of Medicine

Houston

Baylor University College of Medicine

UTAH

Salt Lake City
University of Utah College of Medicine

VERMONT

Burlington
University of Vermont College of Medicine

VIRGINIA

Charlottesville

University of Virginia Department of Medicine

Richmond

Medical College of Virginia

WASHINGTON

Seattle

University of Washington, School of Medicine

West Virginia

Morgantown

West Virginia University School of Medicine (two years)

Wisconsin

Madison

University of Wisconsin Medical School

Milwaukee

Marquette University School of Medicine

Medical Schools Whose Graduates Are Now Acceptable for Admission to Examination for Licensure Only

ALABAMA

Birmingham Medical College of Alabama

ARKANSAS

Little Rock
University of Arkansas School of Medicine

Louisiana

New Orleans
Louisiana State University School of Medicine

DOMINION OF CANADA

Alberta

University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine

Manitoba

University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine

Nova Scotia

Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine

Ontario

Queen's University Faculty of Medicine University of Western Ontario Faculty of Medicine

University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine

Quebec

McGill University Faculty of Medicine University of Montreal Faculty of Medicine Laval University Faculty of Medicine







